Kissinger 12/16.72 statement on "negotiations", peace, etc. HW 12.17/72

Today's Post has two long and partly-duplicating front-page stories on the Kissenger act, the full stenographic transcript, and a feature or by-liner by Carroll Kilpatrick on "The Foru Four Years..." (which does not mention the extraordinary size given as more than 500 pp. by last night's TV news). I read the by-lined pieces but not the text of the statement. Clearly is ispredictable and says the predictable. We tried to hornswog le and couldn't, so we are pure and right. We couldn't win the war, so we try to steal it at the peace table, and those who won't give us what we can't take have no morals or ethics. We have shifted our position, of this there can be no doubt, so the others are wrong not to accept it. We can't establish two VNs by arms, so it is unprincipled not to permit it to be done by semantics, in agreements. What also seems clear is that the VN statements of 1027 on the status of agreement seem to be fair. Agreement was reached. Nixon and his at-home gang did not like them, so they became non-agreements. With the election past, little can be done. With the press servile and with the structural changes in government, there will soon be even less chance. The impression I formed of Kissinger in the TV snatches is that he is uneasy, unc tain and unhappy, despite his confident words. His nervous cough again was out of control, his eyes were unhappy and uneasy. He probably conveyed the idea that he was on firm ground but his appearance made me believe he knew he wasn t and didn t like it. My impression in the earlier note is stronger: his repeated references to El Lider's decisions, which might well be taken as proper genuflection by The oble One and his court, could easily have had double meaning and meant by Henry the way I took it: this ain t me. Because of the unstructured structure of my files, designed for possible use, which always changes, I've made a separate file of this under WG. I think that is the spirit of all that has ~~xxx~~ happened and will. It becomes more and more clear to me that all the Nixonians wanted is the prerequisite for authoritarianism, the largest vote for him and the hell with the Party. Besides, any proper authoritarian has to appear to be singularly devoted tp principle and completely remoted from such crass considerations as those of political parties.